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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-8, 10-16 and 20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hahn 2002/0127120. Hahn teaches a sealed compressor assembly comprising: a compressor pump unit 20 and a motor 24 for driving said compressor pump unit; a housing 21 enclosing said compressor pump unit; a receiver (paragraph 7) for receiving a first signal; and a memory unit 26 in communication with said receiver, said memory unit for storing information relating to said compressor (paragraph 9), said receiver and said memory unit mounted to said compressor (clearly seen in figure 2); a microprocessor in communication with said receiver and said memory unit (paragraph 9); including a transmitter (paragraph 7) in communication with said microprocessor, said transmitter for transmitting a second signal; wherein said information relating to said compressor comprises information relating to the manufacture of said compressor (paragraphs 18-20); wherein said information relating to said compressor comprises information relating to the service of said compressor (paragraphs 18-20); wherein said information relating to said compressor comprises information relating to the environment of said compressor (paragraphs 18-20); wherein said information relating to said compressor comprises information relating to the use of said

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compressor(paragraphs 18-20); wherein said first signal is an electric signal (paragraph 17); wherein said receiver and said memory unit are mounted to said housing (clearly seen in figure 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 9 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hahn in view of Blotenberg 6,269,299. Hahn teaches all of the above cited claim limitations, but fails to teach the following claim limitations taught by Blotenberg: a compressor pump unit with a receiver for receiving an a radio frequency signal (Abstract), including a second receiver 10 and a second transmitter 10, said second receiver and said second transmitter for remote communication with said first receiver and said first transmitter (col. 5 lines 56-67); wherein said second transmitter and said second receiver form part of a portable remote unit (Abstract); wherein said portable remote unit includes a remote unit microprocessor in communication with said second transmitter and said second receiver (Abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the second receiver and transmitter in Hahn to enable it the reception of a radio frequency to portable remote location as a means for adjusting compressor control parameters from a central or off-site location (Blotenberg, col. 3 lines 24-33).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See Form PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan P. Gillan whose telephone number is 571-272-8381. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ehud Gartenberg can be reached on 571-272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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